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1. On 12 July 1947, the Eastern Zone Executive Committee (Ostdeutsche Vorstand) of the CDU held a special meeting, called at short notice, to discuss the failure of the Paris Conference and the splitting of Germany. Present at the gathering were the so-called foundation members, i.e., the signatories of the Grundungsaufwurf of 1945 and the chairmen of the various Landesverbände. Two Soviet officers also attended.
2. Proposals were made by some foundation members to dissolve the party in the Eastern Zone, in order to avoid being held responsible any longer for the maintenance of an illusion of democracy.
3. Kaiser then made a speech which surprised all participants. After making unequivocally clear his opposition to the totalitarian claims of the SED and the Communist organizations led by the SED, he announced his intention to abide by his plan of keeping the Eastern Zone CDU an instrument of real democracy.
4. He recognized the work of the Soviet occupation authorities, and even praised their activity in every field, producing the familiar argument that measures taken using the wrong means were a lesser evil than a complete lack of any activity.
5. On the subject of foreign affairs, Kaiser sharply rejected any partial solution (Teillosung) of the German problem and the idea of a possible separate peace treaty with the Western Powers.
6. He took the opportunity of attacking vehemently not only Dr. Schumacher but also Adenauer. He considered it untenable from a German standpoint for the CDU to agree to the Anglo-US plans and relinquish all claims to the German Eastern territories. He remarked that Schumacher had resolved the question of national representation from a purely party angle, while Adenauer was ready to "write off" half of Germany.
7. In the course of his exposition Kaiser became more and more emotional and nearly burst into tears while expounding his conviction that the attempt must be made to save German unity and make the CDU in the East a bridge to true democracy.

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